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Applicants: Brands, et al.

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For: PRODRUGS OF SUBSTITUTED AMINO HETEROBICYCLES  
WHICH MODULATE THE FUNCTION OF THE VANILLOID-1  
RECEPTOR (VR-1)

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER  
35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE**

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated Office, mailed April 16, 2007, a copy of which is attached hereto, enclosed is the Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventors.

Enclosed is a Fee Sheet authorizing payment of the \$130.00 surcharge. If there are any deficiencies, please also charge these to Merck Deposit Account number 13-2755.

Respectfully submitted,

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